### SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER



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#### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

• Friday, April 11-Saturday, April 12 Pfeiffer University Relay for Life Event

• Saturday, April 12, 2014 (9-1) Hazardous Waste-Stanly County Agri-Civic Center

• Tuesday, April 15, 2014 Bulk Waste Pickup (Large oversized items)

• Tuesday, May 6, 2014 Primary Elections

• Monday, June 23, 2014 (6PM) Public Hearing-FY 14/15 Budget

### **Officers & Council Members:**

Michael "Frizbee" Herron Mayor

Michael Burrage Mayor Pro-Tem
Micah Edquist Finance Officer
Jim Gulledge Council Member
Peter Edquist Council Member

### The Village and Pfeiffer University Mourn the Loss of Ms. Nancy Henderson:

Ms. Nancy Henderson, 74, professor emerita of computer information systems, passed away on Feb. 9, 2014. A member of the Pfeiffer faculty from 1964 until her retirement in 2002, Ms. Henderson touched a cross section of academic departments along with a great number of students. During her tenure at Pfeiffer, she taught English as well as computer information systems, and served as an advisor to The Chimes (yearbook), offered writing workshops for students and was program coordinator for the Pfeiffer College Charlotte Center. Ms. Henderson also served on the Village Planning Board and Board of Adjustment until late 2013.

# The Village Recognizes & Appreciates Former Mayor Michael Riemann's Service:

Being an elected official is not an easy job. Everyone wants a piece of your time whether it's during the day or night or both! The Village recognizes former Mayor Michael Riemann's dedicated service to the Village which ended last November 2013. The Village is fortunate to have former Mayor Riemann currently involved with the Misenheimer/Richfield/New London Carolina Thread Trail committee.

# **Council Appointment Changes on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment:**

- Jon Byers was appointed by Council to serve out the remaining Planning Board and Board of Adjustment terms ending 6/30/16 for Ms. Nancy Henderson. Mr. Byers had served as a Planning Board Alternate.
- Pat Henry was appointed by Council to fill out the remaining Planning Board Alternate term of Jon Byers ending 6/30/16.

## Village in Support of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 634 NC:

Council approved a Proclamation in February 2014 in support of the efforts of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 634 NC for their military service. We appreciate their service to our country as well as their support of Armed Services veterans and their families.

# **Village of Misenheimer Police Department Update:**

- All Officers were certified in the use of Tasers.
- Officer Kenneth Helms moved from part time status to full time status.
- Council approved an Ordinance allowing the limited use of reserve officers.

Emergencies CALL: 911. Officer on Duty for Non-emergencies CALL: 704-463-3000

<u>Historic Gladstone Academy Restoration Status:</u> The Village Council appointed a seven (7) member committee whose purpose is to research, discuss and recommend to the Village Council possible uses for the historic property. The committee is comprised of elected officials, Village staff, citizens, and historical restoration professionals from a variety of disciplines. Grant funding for future additional restoration efforts is currently being researched.

Please contact Pam Humphrey, Administrator, at 704-463-1234 or <u>clerk@villageofmisenheimer.com</u> if you have any pictures or have stories you would like to share about Gladstone Academy as we gather information to build a historic time line for the property.

Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) Local Grant Status: In February 2014, the Village of Misenheimer, Richfield, and New London were awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Foundation for the Carolinas. This grant will assist in securing access to land along the trail corridor. A nine (9) member committee consisting of three (3) members from each of the three (3) municipalities has been formed to facilitate securing the trail access.

When completed, the CTT will stretch through fifteen (15) counties in NC. The CTT will provide natural areas and recreational paths for running, hiking, biking, paddling, and walking. A completed portion of the Carolina Thread Trail is currently open in Albemarle and in nearby Mount Pleasant. To learn more about the CTT visit www.carolinathreadtrail.org/

### **Village Zoning Ordinance Review:**

Starting November 2012, the Village's Planning Board has worked with a planner with the NC Department of Commerce-Division of Community Assistance, to review and update all of the Village's Zoning Ordinances. The Planning Board will vote to approve the revised Zoning Ordinances and if approved present them to the Village Council for their review. A public hearing (probably late spring or early summer 2014) will be scheduled for the public to ask questions and make comments regarding any of the proposed Zoning Ordinance modifications. The Village Council will then take the public comment under advisement making any necessary modifications. Once the Zoning Ordinances are in a final format, Council will present them at a Council meeting for a vote of approval.

Did you know? The Village of Misenheimer currently has a "star gazing friendly" outdoor Lighting Ordinance in place. Some communities refer to this as a "dark skies" outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

## **Village of Misenheimer Blackboard Connect Notification System:**

The Village utilizes Stanly County's Blackboard Connect One-Step Notification system to notify residents of emergencies and useful community information. We activated a link on the HOME page of the Village's web site (www.villageofmisenheimer.com) where you can add or update your contact information.